

## Message Text

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R 170004Z MAY 77  
FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2161  
INFO AMCONSUL GUADALAJARA  
AMCONSUL MONTERREY  
AMCONSUL CIUDAD JUAREZ  
AMCONSUL HERMOSILLO  
AMCONSUL TIJUANA

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FOR ARA/MGT

EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: CFED  
SUBJECT: STAFFING PROPOSALS COUNTRY WIDE FB PROGRAM

REF: (A) STATE 105735, (B) LETTER T.D. GIRDNER TO MCANINCH  
DATED APRIL 4, 1977

EMBASSY PROPOSES FB STAFFING AS FOLLOWS:

MEXICO CITY  
1 AMERICAN OFFICER  
LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS  
3 FIELD/CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVES FSL-8  
1 SECRETARY FSL-6  
1 RECEPTIONIST FSL-4  
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THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 2 POSITIONS OVER THE PRESENT  
STAFFING; STATE PRESENTLY FUNDING 2 POSITIONS; SSA  
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REIMBURSING STATE FOR 1.

GUADALAJARA  
1 AMERICAN OFFICER  
LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS  
1 SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST FSL-5  
6 FIELD/CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVES FSL-8

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THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 2 POSITIONS; STATE PRESENTLY  
FUNDING TWO POSITIONS; SSA REIMBURSING STATE FOR 3 POSITIONS  
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MONTERREY

LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS

4 FIELD/CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVES FSL-8

1 SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST FSL-5

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THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 3 POSITIONS IN MONTERREY; STATE IS  
PRESENTLY FUNDING 1 POSITION AND SSA IS REIMBURSING STATE  
FOR 1 POSITION.

HERMOSILLO

LOCAL NATIONAL POSITION

1 FIELD/CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE FSL-8

ONE POSITION FOR WHICH SSA IS PRESENTLY REIMBURSING STATE;  
NO CHANGE PROPOSED.

TIJUANA

LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS

1 FIELD/CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE FSL-8

1 SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST FSL-5

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THIS IS AN INCREASE OF 1 POSITION IN TIJUANA, STATE IS  
PRESENTLY FUNDING 1 POSITION.

CIUDAD JUAREZ

ESTABLISH 1 FIELD REPRESENTATIVE POSITION FSL-8

SSA TO REIMBURSE STATE FOR THIS POSITION.

THESE ORGANIZATIONAL ADJUSTMENTS WILL INCREASE THE FB  
COUNTRY-WIDE FSL PERSONNEL CEILING FROM 12 TO 21.

IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE F.B. WORKLOAD THROUGHOUT MEXICO  
WILL INCREASE BY 100 DUE TO FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

(A) BIRTH CERTIFICATE VERIFICATION.

EVERY BIRTH CERTIFICATE ISSUED IN MEXICO, EXCEPT THOSE  
ISSUED BY STATE ARCHIVES, MUST BE VERIFIED BY A FIELD  
REPRESENTATIVE. THIS REPRESENTS A WORKLOAD OF APPROXI-  
MATELY 7000 VERIFICATIONS PER YEAR.

(B) FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWING OF CLIENTS BY FIELD REPRESENTATIVES AT CLAIMS-TAKING POSTS AND CONTACT STATIONS AT 8 SITES THROUGHOUT MEXICO. FIELD REPRESENTATIVES WILL SPEND APPROXIMATELY 2 DAYS PER MONTH AT EACH SITE. THE CENTERS WILL BE LOCATED AT:  
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| CONSULAR DISTRICT | CONTACT STATION |
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AMCONSUL TIJUANA

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|-------------|--------------------------------|
| MEXICO CITY | VERACRUZ, VERACRUZ (QUARTERLY) |
| GUADALAJARA | MAZATLAN, SINALOA              |
| GUADALAJARA | IRAPUATO, GUANAJUATO           |
| GUADALAJARA | ZACATECAS, ZACATECAS           |
| MONTERREY   | DURANGO, DURANGO (PRESENTLY IN |

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| MONTERREY | SAN LUIS POTOSI, SAN LUIS POTO- |
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| MONTERREY     | TORREON, COAHUILA    |
| MONTERREY     | TAMPICO, TAMAULIPAS  |
| CIUDAD JUAREZ | CHIHUAHUA, CHIHUAHUA |

THIS NEW FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEWING PROCEDURE IS PROMPTED BY THE USG DESIRE FOR PROGRAM INTEGRITY AS IT RELATES TO SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS BEING PAID OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.

(C) PROVIDING INCREASED FIELD REPRESENTATIVE SERVICE NOT ONLY TO THE 10 POSTS IN MEXICO BUT ALSO TO THE 9 SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES LOCATED ALONG THE BORDER.  
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THE FIELD REPRESENTATIVES ARE NOW PROVIDING ONLY MINIMAL SERVICES WHICH ARE INADEQUATE TO ET THE INVESTIGATIVE NEEDS OF THE SEVERAL POSTS AND SOCIAL SECURITY BORDER OFFICES.

(D) RAPID GROWTH OF BENEFICIARY POPULATION IN MEXICO. THE BENEFICIARY POPULATION HAS INCREASED BY 119 IN EIGHT YEARS. THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT THIS GROWTH RATE WILL CONTINUE TO RISE DUE TO THE INCREASED NUMBER OF AMERICAN RETIREES COMING TO MEXICO TO ENJOY RELATIVELY HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING WHICH CAN BE PURCHASED WITH RETIREE DOLLARS. IN ADDITION, MEXICAN CITIZENS ARE RETURNING TO MEXICO IN EVER INCREASING NUMBERS FROM THE U.S. AFTER THEY QUALIFY FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS. EVEN IF THE MEXICAN WAGE EARNER DOES NOT RETURN FROM THE U.S. HIS DEPENDENTS IN MEXICO CAN FILE FOR APPROPRIATE BENEFITS. THERE IS ALSO A SIGNIFICANT MEXICAN BENEFICIARY POPULATION COMPOSED OF SURVIVORS OF WAGE EARNERS.

ALL THESE FACTORS CONTRIBUTE HEAVILY TO THE WORKLOAD BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF POST-ENTITLEMENT PROBLEMS SUCH AS NON-RECEIPT OF CHECK, CHANGES IN BENEFICIARY STATUS, AND ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING ANNUAL ENFORCEMENT QUESTIONNAIRES.  
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THE EMBASSY SUPPORTS THE REQUEST FOR THE 9 POSITIONS WHICH SSA HAS AGREED TO FUND (LETTER FROM TED D. GIRDNER, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS, SSA, TO CONSUL GENERAL MCANINCH DATED APRIL 4, 1977).

ADDITIONALLY THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT SSA REIMBURSE STATE FOR THE SIX FULL-TIME POSITIONS PRESENTLY FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE FEDERAL BENEFITS PROGRAM. THIS WOULD MAKE 21 FULL-TIME MEXICAN NATIONAL POSITIONS IN MEXICO FUNDED BY SSA.  
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6 PRESENTLY FUNDED BY STATE

6 PRESENTLY REIMBURSED BY SSA  
9 NEW POSITIONS TO BE REIMBURSED BY SSA  
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COST OF FUNDING 9 NEW POSITIONS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY U.S.  
\$58, 065; COST OF REIMBURSING STATE FOR SIX POSITIONS  
CURRENTLY FUNDED BY STATE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY \$25,118.  
TOTAL \$183,183.

WE ARE UNABLE TO RECONCILE THE FIGURE OF 15 FSL'S WORKING  
FULL-TIME ON FB ACTIVITIES GIVEN IN REF A. OUR RECORDS  
SHOW 11 FULL-TIME FSL'S IN 1976 AND 12 IN 1977 AS LOCAL IN  
TIJUANA PRESENTLY WORKING FULL-TIME ON FB ACTIVITIES.  
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